



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5694

LCO No. 1866

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PLAN TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the Massachusetts Commonwealth Care Plan. The task force
- 3 shall examine the benefits of the plan and challenges to
- 4 implementation in this state.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 6 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 9 Representatives;
- 10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
- 12 Representatives;

- 13 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 14 (7) The Insurance Commissioner and the Commissioners of Public
15 Health and Social Services, or their designees; and
- 16 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.
- 17 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1) to
18 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
19 General Assembly.
- 20 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
21 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
22 filled by the appointing authority.
- 23 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
24 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
25 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
26 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
27 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 28 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
30 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 31 (g) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a
32 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
35 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
36 that it submits such report or January 1, 2010, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To study the feasibility of adopting a universal health care plan in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]